

# INTRODUCTION TO ILLINOIS HISTORY TEACHER

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This page begins the third volume of the online version of *Illinois History*. The online version started in December 2002. We hope you enjoy this easily accessed format provided free of subscription costs.

This first issue of volume 58 is dedicated "Teens in Illinois History" and was conceived in collaboration with the generous staff of the Teen Chicago Project of the Chicago Historical Society. Marie Scatena, the Teen Chicago Project director, and Ray Yang, the Teen Chicago Project assistant, have worked with students and teachers in the Teen Chicago Project to provide articles grouped under a separate section below and headed with a brief description of the Teen Chicago Project. The Teen Chicago Project provided a fine bibliography which students used for their articles. It is too long to be given on this web site but many sources from it could be cited with each paper from the Teen Chicago Project. Students from all other schools in Illinois, that is, those not in the Teen Chicago Project were invited to submit their articles too. Those are grouped under a second and separate section of the January 2005 issue of *Illinois History*. These students, guided by their teachers, applied a different style sheet for their submissions; their bibliographies are given with their articles. We have here a widely dispersed group of young historians united in the high quality of their research and writing. All of them reflect on a bright future for our state and testify to the quality of schools throughout Illinois.

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### Teen Chicago Project

The Teen Chicago Project collected 101 oral histories about the history of growing up in Chicago during the twentieth century. A fifteen-member Teen Council recruited and hired by the Chicago Historical Society collected the oral histories over an eighteen-month period in May of 2002. This diverse group of teens from across the Chicago area act as an advisory board which is informing the development of public programs, a website and an exhibition about growing up in Chicago which opened on April 17, 2004, at the Chicago Historical Society. The oral histories the Teen Council collected are an integral part of all the products, and are featured in the Fall 2004 edition of Chicago History Magazine, as well as an on-line edition of the *Illinois History: Magazine for Young People*. This collection about growing up in Chicago over the twentieth century is the Chicago Historical Society's first effort at documenting the impact teens have had on the city, and the ways that living in Chicago impact developing lives. It is also part of a larger, long-term initiative to integrate teenage energy and perspectives into the infrastructure of the institution.

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